

**NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, EXTENSION,
EDUCATION, AND ECONOMICS (NAREEE) ADVISORY
BOARD**

Advisory Board Meeting, March 8-9, 2007

FINAL AGENDA

Meeting Location: *Mandarin Oriental Hotel, 1330 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20024*
Phone: 202-554-8588

Thursday, March 8, 2007

LOCATION: *Hirshhorn Room* 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

**Continental Breakfast
(Adhoc on NAL Committee Meeting)**

LOCATION: *Grand Ball Room C* 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. Welcome by Advisory Board – Dr. Martin Massengale, *Chair*

**Welcome - Dr. Gale Buchanan, *Under Secretary for Research, Education,
and Economics (REE), USDA.***

**Introductions of Advisory Board Members, other Officials, and Attendees:
Dr. George Hoffman, *Vice Chair, Advisory Board***

**8:20 a.m. Agenda Walk-through & Board Approval
Minutes (October 28-30, 2002 Minutes & Interim
Executive Committee Minutes): Dr. Joseph Dunn, *Executive Director, Advisory
Board***

FOCUS SESSION I: FY 2007 Farm Bill

**8:30 a.m. USDA Farm Bill Listening Session and REE
*Terry Van Doren, Special Assistant to the USDA Undersecretary for Marketing
and Regulatory Programs, U.S. Department of Agriculture***

**9:00 a.m. USDA Farm Bill Title VII Proposal

*Dr. Gale Buchanan, Under Secretary for Research, Education,
and Economics (REE), USDA.***

9:45 a.m. Q&A with Discussion

10:00 a.m. Break

**10:30 a.m. Opportunities Under New Funding in the USDA Farm Bill Proposal
*Dr. Edward Knipping, Administrator, Agricultural Research
Service***

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Opportunities Under New Funding in the USDA Farm Bill Proposal (Cont.)

*Dr. Colien Hefferan, Administrator, Cooperative State
Research, Education, and Extension Service*

*Dr. Kitty Smith, Acting Administrator, Economic Research
Service; and*

*Mr. Ron Bosecker, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics
Service.*

12:00 p.m. Working Lunch

“Reauthorization of the NAREEE Advisory Board”

Introductions by Walt Armbruster, Advisory Board Member

Nona Darrell, House, Agriculture Committee Democratic Staff

**1:00 p.m. Alternative Proposals for Funding and Organizing Federal Research, Extension
And Education**

**“Creating Research, Extension and Teaching Excellence for the 21st Century
(CREATE-21)”**

Jeffrey Armstrong, Advisory Board Member

“National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA)”

William G. Leisher, Leisher and Russell, Inc.

2:00 p.m. Sub-Committees Meetings

Specialty Crops

Protocol – Robert McDonald

Relevancy and Adequacy - Sara Mazie

2:45 p.m.

BREAK

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FOCUS SESSION II. Food Safety

3:15 pm. ARS Presentation and Discussion

Jim Lindsey, National Program Leader For Food Safety ARS, USDA

4:30 p.m. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5:00 p.m. BREAK

EVENING SESSION –Food Safety (Open to the Public)

LOCATION: Oriental Ball Room A 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Reception

6:30 p.m. **GUEST SPEAKER Dr. Michael Doyle**
Regions Professor and Director of Center for Food Safety, University of Georgia

Title: “USA Federal Food Safety Research and Education Needs”

7:30 p.m. Discussion

8:00 p.m. Public Comments

8:30 pm. Adjourn

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Friday, March 9, 2007 *Grand C Ball Room*

FOCUS SESSION II - Food Safety (cont.)

LOCATION: Hirshhorn Room 7: 00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Meeting & Informal Board Discussion

LOCATION: Grand Ball Room C 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

8:00 a.m. CSREES Presentation

Dr. Ram Rao, National Program Leader, Food Science and Technology

9:15 a.m. ERS Presentation

Dr. Jay Variyam, Chief, Diet, Safety & Health Economics Branch

10:30 a.m. Interagency Working Group on Food Safety

Dr. Merle Pierson, Deputy Under Secretary, REE

10:45 a.m. BREAK

11:00 a.m. Remarks from the Secretary of Agriculture

THE HONORABLE MIKE JOHANNIS

12:00 p.m. Public Comments

[Note: written comments will also be accepted for the Public Record up to two weeks post-meeting]

12:15p.m. General Board Discussion and Lunch

*Next Meeting Date and Theme(s)
Discussion on possible Regional Meeting and the October 2007*

**1:30 p.m. Adjourn for Work Groups to Initiate Report and Develop Recommendations
*{Farm Bill Working Group, Food Safety Working Group}***

2:30 p.m ADJOURN

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